AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph which is found at page 59, line 28 to page 60, line 11 as follows:

A soluble murine LTβ-R/ human IgG1 fusion protein was prepared by PCR amplification of the full length mLTβ-R cDNA clone as a template and the primers 5'AACTGCAGCGGCCGCCATGCGCCTGCCC 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2) and 5'GACTTTGTCGACCATTGCTCCTGGCTCTGGGGG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 3). The amplified product was purified and cut with NotI and SalI and ligated with a SalI/NotI human IgG1 Fc fragment into NotI-linearized and phosphatase-treated SAB132 to form JLB 122. For stable expression, the NotI cassette containing the murine LTβ-R-Ig fragment was transferred into the NotI site of pMDR901 forming PSH001 and the vector was transfected into CHO cells as described (Browning et al., J. Immunol., 154, pp. 33-46 (1995)). Cell clones secreting murine LTβ-R-Ig were identified by ELISA analysis. The purified receptor fusion protein was isolated from CHO cell supernatants by Protein A Sepharose Fast Flow chromatography (Pharmacia) and is utilized in the examples which follow.